



Colonial Update



Shrewsbury High School Newsletter

Oct 2004

Dear Parents:

We have enjoyed a superb school opening for over 1,400 Shrewsbury High School students. Teachers have shared challenging course and program expectations for all students; each freshman has connected with his or her upper-classmen mentor; and fall athletic teams are enjoying early successes on the field.

As we begin a new school year, it is important for parents to be as involved and supportive as possible during a child's high school years. Clearly, adolescents need an opportunity to experience more independence and freedom as they mature. And parents should provide increasing opportunities for their adolescent children to make decisions and experience independence as they navigate adulthood. But it is critical for parents to stay involved and connected to what is going on at the high school, on the athletic field, or at weekend parties. Our students' success depends on strong parental awareness and involvement. Here are some upcoming opportunities for parents to connect to the Shrewsbury High School community:

Principal's Coffee Wednesday, September 29th

The year's first Principal's Coffee will be held at the high school at 7:45 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29th. This is an informal opportunity for parents to interact with me about school issues and concerns over a cup of coffee. I hope you can join me.

Parents' Night Thursday, October 7th

All parents are invited to attend the annual Parents' Night scheduled for October 7, 2004 beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the high school's auditorium. Parents' Night provides an opportunity for you to attend a mini-schedule of your child's classes and meet each of your son or daughter's teachers. Teachers will share expectations for student learning and a brief course overview in each class. The program will begin promptly at 6:45 p.m. in the auditorium with brief introductory remarks and information.

Please mark the date on you calendar! Parents' Night Thursday, October 7th at 6:45 p.m. Parking will be a challenge, so please arrive early.

Parent Conference Day Wednesday, October 27th

Within the next few weeks, teachers will be contacting the parents with whom they wish to meet on the October 27th Parent Conference Day and will schedule an approximately 15 minute appointment to discuss a child's progress. There will also be another parent conference day on March 16th. However, while we are designating October 27th and March 16th as parent conference days, it is important to note that you are most welcome to speak or meet with teachers at any time throughout the year. I invite you to contact a teacher or counselor if you wish to arrange a meeting or speak on the phone about your son or daughter's classroom performance.

Email Updates

Parents can receive emails from my office on issues and concerns affecting the school community. I will send brief updates and information that will remind parents of upcoming meetings as well as inform them of school programs and activities. To join, click onto the **blue mailbox** on the high school's webpage: www.ci.shrewsbury.ma.us/Sps/Schools/High

The month of October will provide ample opportunities for parents to interact with the high school staff about your child's education and growth. I look forward to your involvement and support as we continue to enhance an already terrific high school community. Please contact me at (508) 841-8808 or dgutekanst@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us with questions, concerns, and ideas.

Sincerely,

Daniel Gutekanst, Ed.D.

The Shrewsbury High School community provides challenging, diverse learning opportunities; promotes creativity and independent thinking; and empowers students to become capable, caring, active contributors to the world in which they live.



Principal's Coffee

The purpose of the Principal's Coffee is to give parents an opportunity to stop by early in the morning and have some informal conversation and coffee before the work day begins. There is no set agenda and the coffee will be hot and fresh at **7:45am**. The date for the first Principal's Coffee is **Wednesday, September 29th**.

Use SHS Online Research Services from Home

Simply connect to the Shrewsbury High School's homepage at www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/Schools/HighSchool and open the media center link. Enter the login codes specific to the database you plan to use. These databases have been selected by your media specialist because they are reliable sources of information that is aligned with the curriculum content of the high school.

GROLIER ENCYCLOPEDIA REFERENCE

User Name: sshs

Password: sshs

PROQUEST FOR STUDENTS- FULL-TEXT OF MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

User Name: SHSLIBRARY

Password: WELCOME

PROQUEST PROFESSIONAL FOR TEACHERS

User Name: SHSTEACHER

Password: WELCOME

SCIENCE REFERENCE

User Name: shsl

Password: shsl

AMERICAN SLAVE NARRATIVES

User name: shrewsbury

Password: library



Celebrate Shrewsbury!
Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival
October 1-3

www.spiritofshrewsbury.com



FROM THE PARENT FORUM COORDINATORS

A warm hello to all of you. We hope all of the students are off to a great start and have a healthy and successful year. We would like to extend our gratitude to all of those who brought baked goods to the Freshman Orientation. It was also a pleasure for Parent Forum to kick-off the school year with a barbecue for teachers and staff.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events.

OPEN HOUSE – October 7th, 6:45pm

PARENT FORUM MEETINGS will be held at 7:00 pm in the Commons (SHS) on the following dates:

- **October 19** - For Freshman Parents Only!
Navigating the High School Years
- **November 4** - The New SAT: What it is and what to expect.
- **January 13** - A Parent to Parent Discussion about Drugs, Alcohol, and Teen Partying
- **February 10** - For Freshman and Sophomore Parents:
Looking Ahead to College

PRINCIPAL COFFEE – September 29th at 7:45 am.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for parents to become involved with Shrewsbury High School. Within this newsletter, you will find an SHS Parent Forum Volunteer Form. Please take a moment to look through the **SHS Parent Forum Survey**. We hope that you will volunteer and complete the form indicating your interest, and the days/times you would be available to help.

This year we are in great need of volunteers to help in the Library and Attendance Office.

Attendance Office - help contact parents of students who are listed as absent and have not called into the school with a reason.

Media Center - needs volunteers on a weekly basis.

Staff Appreciation Activities - planning and executing events in December and March for the SHS Staff.

Baking for Events - we need volunteers to make/buy “goodies” for open house and staff appreciation.

Newsletter Collators - meet one morning each month to fold, tape, and attach address labels to newsletters in preparation for bulk mailing.

Junior After Prom Party - planning, executing, and chaperoning this special late spring event.

Clerical/Office Assistant - sign up for a few hours weekly to help the office staff.

Service Learning Advisory Board - a working board that helps with exciting service learning projects.

Service Learning Activity Drivers - help to transport students to various local service projects.

Remember to stay involved and volunteer. Your participation truly strengthens SHS. We are interested in hearing your ideas, concerns and comments. Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Nancy Donohue	842-4557
Lisa Easson:	842-7133
Karin Hutt:	842-2392
Penny McLaren:	842-0143
Laurie Newman	842-7718
Regina Paltos	842-7818
Kathleen Thompson	842-1827
Marianne Upton:	842-4175



Upcoming Calendar

09/23	Senior Nuts & Bolts Night	Aud	07:00pm
09/28	Speech & Debate	B300's	06:30pm
09/029	Principal's Coffee		07:45am
10/01	Field Day		
10/05	SSMA	CR	07:15pm
10/05	Speech & Debate	B300's	06:30pm
10/07	Parents' Night		06:45pm
10/09	SAT's		08:00am
10/11	Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL		
10/12	Professional Development - NO SCHOOL		
10/13	Speech & Debate	B300's	06:30pm
10/16	PSAT's		08:00am
10/19	Speech & Debate	B300's	06:30pm
10/20	School Wide Career Day		
10/23	Halloween Movie Night	Com	07:00pm
10/26	Math Olympiad Competition	Med	07:25am
10/26	Speech & Debate	B300's	06:30pm
11/01	Dream Team Food Drive til 11/23		
11/02	Professional Development - NO SCHOOL		
11/02	SSMA	CR	07:15pm
11/04	Parent Forum	Com	07:00pm
11/06	SAT's		08:00am
11/09	Speech & Debate	B300's	06:30pm
11/11	Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL		

Please note that dates and times are subject to change.

Aud - Auditorium Com - Commons CR-Conf. Room

TD - Teacher's Dining Rm.

PR - Presentation Room

TH - Town Hall

MC - Media



Emergency Forms

All students received their **Emergency Forms** in the mail prior to school opening. All forms were due back on the **first day of school** and should have been turned into their Homeroom Teacher. It is important and necessary to complete a new form each year to ensure you can be reached in case of an emergency involving your student.



A Word from your Newsletter Coordinator:

The deadline for the November Issue of Colonial Update is Friday, October 15, 2004. To ensure your article is included, please submit your contribution on or before the due date. Information received after the due date, may or may not be in the Colonial Update. All information should be submitted in an electronic format. Word is the preferred file format. If you have any questions, please email me prior to the due date.

Thank you,

Jean Sullivan
Newsletter Coordinator



Fountains at Dean Park - The Dedication

The Fountains at Dean Park will be dedicated on **Sunday, September 26** from **7 to 8 PM**. From **8 to 9 PM** the fountain will be displayed with colors and music. The public is welcome to attend.

The fountains are given in memory of **Irving James Donahue, Jr.** to the Town of Shrewsbury and its townspeople by the Donahue family.

The animated fountains dance to music and at night are highlighted with colored lights.

Barbara M. Donahue said, "The fountains were first seen by Jim and I in Jackson, Michigan and we thought they were awesome in every sense of the word. Our dream was to give something like that to our town if we ever could. Now, after working very hard, our dream is coming true and we hope the townspeople will derive from them a sense of beauty and peace. Also, these are not just "fountains", they are aerators which will help the condition of the water in the pond and discourage the growth of bacteria and weeds."

About Irving "Jim" Donahue, Jr.

Jim was a Selectman for many years and also served on the Finance Committee for quite a few years. Probably his largest contribution to the town was the Donahue Rowing Center, Hovercraft for the Fire Department, and many shells for Shrewsbury High School Crew. He loved his town and served it well.

Library Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers are needed in the library. Please call Carolann Costello at 508-841-8821 if you can spare a few hours a week.

Class of 2005

Friday, October 1, 2003

DEADLINE

Class of 2005 (Seniors) should have picked up their info last June. The deadline for **EVERYTHING** is Friday, **October 1st at 3:00pm**. Please **DO NOT** wait for the last day! For the Senior section, the Yearbook needs: Senior portrait (vertical, black & white glossy, wallet size); baby picture; two additional pictures (ex. family, with pet, first day of school, kindergarten, grades 1-3); Survey Question sheet filled in; signature on provided photo paper in black ball point; listing of clubs, sports, etcetera. Optional: one or two additional candid (grades 4-12, sports, dances, travel); family ad (in increments of 1/10 page at \$25 to whole page at \$250.) Ads half page or larger **INCLUDE** a complimentary copy of the 2005 Yearbook. Further information? Check with Mrs. O'Leary during lunches (days 1 through 5) or e-mail: aoleary@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Boys Varsity Soccer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Time</u>
09/25	vs. Mash Cup	Away	07:00pm
09/30	vs. Leominster	Home	07:00pm
10/02	vs. Milford	Home	07:00pm
10/07	vs. Wachusett	Home	07:00pm
10/09	vs. N. Middlesex	Away	03:30pm
10/11	vs. Mash Cup	Away	05:00pm
10/11	vs. Hudson	Away	10:00am
10/14	vs. Algonquin	Home	05:00pm
10/16	vs. Westboro	Away	03:30pm
10/21	vs. Nashoba	Home	07:00pm
10/23	vs. North	Home	07:00pm
10/27	vs. Lunenburg	Away	03:30pm

Boys JV Soccer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Time</u>
09/25	vs. Marlboro	Away	03:30pm
09/30	vs. Leominster	Home	03:30pm
10/02	vs. Milford	Home	03:30pm
10/07	vs. Wachusett	Home	03:30pm
10/09	vs. N. Middlesex	Away	03:30pm
10/11	vs. Hudson	Away	10:00am
10/14	vs. Algonquin	Away	03:30pm
10/16	vs. Westboro	Away	03:30pm
10/21	vs. Nashoba	Home	03:30pm
10/23	vs. North	Home	03:30pm
10/27	vs. Lunenburg	Away	03:30pm

Girls Varsity Soccer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Time</u>
09/25	vs. Mash Cup	Home	07:00pm
09/30	vs. Leominster	Away	03:30pm
10/02	vs. Milford	Away	03:30pm
10/07	vs. Wachusett	Away	07:00pm
10/09	vs. N. Middlesex	Home	07:00pm
10/11	vs. Mash Cup	Home	07:00pm
10/14	vs. Algonquin	Home	07:00pm
10/16	vs. Westboro	Home	07:00pm
10/21	vs. Burncoat	Away	03:30pm
10/23	vs. North	Away	03:30pm
10/27	vs. Nashoba	Home	07:00pm

Girls JV Soccer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Time</u>
09/25	vs. Marlboro	Away	03:30pm
09/30	vs. Leominster	Away	03:30pm
10/02	vs. Milford	Away	03:30pm
10/07	vs. Wachusett	Away	03:30pm
10/09	vs. N. Middlesex	Home	03:30pm
10/11	vs. Hudson	Away	11:30am
10/14	vs. Algonquin	Away	03:30pm
10/16	vs. Westboro	Home	03:30pm
10/23	vs. North	Away	03:30pm
10/27	vs. Nashoba	Home	03:30pm

Fall Crew

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Time</u>
10/05	Textile Regatta	Away	08:00am
10/11	N. Hampshire Champ.	Away	08:00am
10/12	Head of Conn.	Away	08:00am
10/18	Head of Charles	Away	08:00am

Boys Varsity Football

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Time</u>
09/26	vs. St. John's	Home	07:00pm
10/03	vs. Marlboro	Away	07:00pm
10/10	vs. Algonquin	Away	07:00pm
10/17	vs. Fitchburg	Away	07:00pm
10/24	vs. St. Peter's	Home	07:00pm
11/01	vs. Westboro	Away	07:00pm
11/07	vs. Nashoba	Home	07:00pm
11/14	vs. Leominster	Away	07:00pm
11/27	vs. Milford	Home	10:15am

Boys JV Football

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Time</u>
09/29	vs. St. John's	Away	03:30pm
10/06	vs. Marlboro	Home	03:30pm
10/13	vs. Algonquin	Home	10:00am
10/20	vs. Fitchburg	Home	03:30pm
10/27	vs. St. Peter's	Away	03:30pm
11/03	vs. Westboro	Home	03:30pm
11/10	vs. Nashoba	Away	03:30pm
11/17	vs. Leominster	Home	03:30pm
11/22	vs. Milford	Away	11:00am

Boys FR Football

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Time</u>
09/29	vs. St. John's	Home	03:30pm
10/06	vs. Marlboro	Away	03:30pm
10/13	vs. Algonquin	Away	10:00am
10/20	vs. Fitchburg	Away	03:30pm
10/27	vs. St. Peter's	Home	03:30pm
11/03	vs. Westboro	Away	03:30pm
11/10	vs. Nashoba	Home	03:30pm
11/17	vs. Leominster	Away	03:30pm
11/22	vs. Milford	Away	01:00pm

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